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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0172-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Toru MINEYAMA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2161  
Application No.: 09/973,512 ) Examiner: Unknown  
Filed: October 9, 2001 )  
For: SERVER OPERATIONAL ) Confirmation No.: 6341  
EXPENSES COLLECTING )  
METHOD, AND APPARATUS )  
THEREFOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**STATUS INQUIRY**

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed on October 9, 2001. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action in connection with this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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